

House Bill 115

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-2-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers of the Georgia Supreme Court, so as to provide that certain persons who do not meet the normal educational requirements for admission to the bar shall be eligible to take the examination for admission to the state bar and, upon successful completion, to be admitted to the practice of law in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 15-2-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers of the Georgia Supreme Court, is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (5) to read as follows:

"(5) To establish, amend, and alter its own rules of practice and to regulate the admission of attorneys to the practice of law; provided, however, that any person shall be allowed to take the examination for admission to the State Bar of Georgia and, upon successful completion, shall be admitted to the practice of law in this state if such person:

(A) Is a member in good standing of the bar of any other state of the United States;

(B) Meets all requirements for eligibility to take such examination and be admitted to the State Bar of Georgia except educational requirements other than those established by this paragraph;

(C) Has earned a Juris Doctor degree from a law school the graduates of which are eligible for admission to the bar of the state where the law school is located; and

(D) Was a bona fide resident of Georgia for at least one year prior to commencing law school."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
3 without such approval.

**SECTION 3.**

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5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.